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Dear Ms. Feldman:

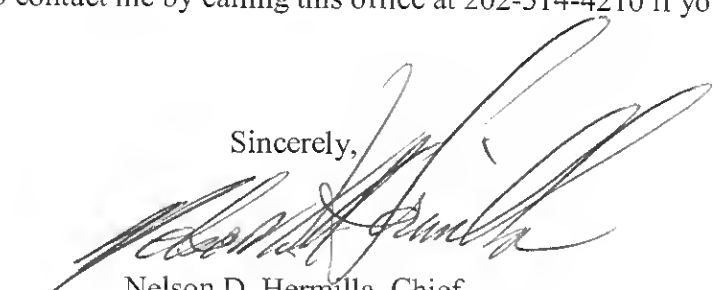
This is in response to your letter dated May 9, 2012, concerning the status of your Freedom of Information Act request for information pertaining to cities involved in Project Civil Access complaints filed between February 2006 and February 2011.

I apologize for the delay in responding to your request. This office is continuing to process your request. Recently, we've been able to re-assign a significant amount of additional personnel into FOIA processing which is moving the older requests forward.

Please understand that the Department of Justice is currently under a hiring freeze which has prevented the Civil Rights Division from re-filling positions that have been vacated due to attrition. This, in turn, has resulted in greater backlogs in FOIA processing than this office has had for many years. I regret that this has resulted in a delay in our providing you with a more expedited response.

I encourage you to contact me by calling this office at 202-514-4210 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Nelson D. Hermilla, Chief
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